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1. SUMMARY: UNGA CONCLUDED DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION NOVEMBER 23 WITH STATEMENTS BY IRAQ, CAMEROONS, IVORY COAST, GUINEA AND US. GOVERNOR SCRANTON EXPLAINED WHY US WOULD VOTE AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSING RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF 20, BUT EMPHASIZED US AGREEMENT THAT LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS AND INTERESTS OF PALESTINIANS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN WORKING OUT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, TO WHICH THESE ARE A CENTRAL ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. GA PLENARY HEARD FIVE FINAL SPEAKERS IN DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION NOVEMBER 23: IRAQ, CAMEROONS, IVORY COAST, GUINEA AND US. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED SIERRA LEONE AS ADDITIONAL SPONSOR OF DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED PREVIOUS
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DAY AND SAID VOTE WOULD TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 24.

(MALDIVES IS ALSO CO-SPONSOR, INADVERTENTLY OMITTED
IN LISTING REFTEL.)

3. IRAQ TOOK EXTREME STAND, STARTIN FROM STATEMENT THAT
UN EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY IN ADOPTING PARTITION RESOLUTION.
HE ALLEGED A HOSTILE US ATTITUDE TOWARD PALESTINIAN PEOPLE,
WHICH HE SAID HINDERED POSITIVE RESULT IN SC. HE SUPPORTED
SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND CASTIGAGED ISRAEL'S
ACTIONS AND POLICY VIS-A-VIS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. CAMEROONS THOUGHT SOLUTION OF PALESTINE QUESTION WAS
"KEY STONE" TO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND WELCOMED
GA FOCUS ON THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM HE URGED ISRAELI
WITHDRAWAL AND GUARANTEE OF BOUNDARIES AND FOUND RECENT
STATEMENTS BY QADDOUMI (PLO) AND ISRAELI LEADERS
"ENCOURAGING".

5. IVORY COAST (AKE) MADE CONCILIATORY STATEMENT,
ARGUING THAT SITUATION MUST BE ACCEPTED AND DEALT WITH
AS IT IS TODAY, THAT "WE MUST START FROM FACT OF TWO
REALITIES": ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN. WHILE PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS MUST BE RESTORED AND PALESTINIANS PERMITTED
TO HAVE OWN STATE, HE SAID UN MUST NOT ACT TO DETRIMENT
OF EXISTENCE OF OTHER STATES IN AREA. WITH REFERENCE TO
COMMITTEE OF 20 REPORT, AKE CRITICIZED SOME RECOMMENDATIONS,
SUCH AS THOSE ON RETURN OF PRE-1967 REFUGEES, AS LACKING
REALISM AND IGNORING ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE. HE FOUND RECOMMENDATION
RE ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE ENTITY IMPRECISE AS
GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITS NOT DEFINED. SINCE THIS HAS GIVEN RISE
TO CONCERN, HE SUGGESTED NEED FOR CLARIFICATION. HE ALSO
NOTED RECENT REPORTS THAT PLO WOULD ACCEPT STATE CONSISTING OF
WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE "TO
HEAR FORM PLO" ON THIS, HE URGED ISRAEL TO RECOGNIZED
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND ARABS TO RECOGNIZEE EXISTENCE
OF ISRAEL. HE THOUGHT COMMITTEE OF 20 COULD DO USEFUL
WORK IF IT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT SUGGESTIONS MADE DURING
DEBATE FOR CLAIRIFCATION AND EXTENSION OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS
AND SUGGESTED COMMITTEE'S ENLARGEMENT TO PROVIDE MORE BALANCE
AND TO BETTER REFLECT VIEWS EXPRESSED. COMMITTEE PROPOSALS, HE
SAID, MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED
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AND BE AMENABLE TO PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION.

6. GUINEA CLAIMED JEWS HAD TAKEN TERRITORY FROM ARABS
AND SINCE PARTITION ISRAEL HAD NEVER CEASED HARRASSING
ARABS. ISRAEL SHOULD SEE PLO AS PARTY ON EQUAL BASIS WITH
ALL OTHERS, HE INSISTED, AND SUPPORTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE COMMITTEE OF 20.

7. AS LAST SPEAKERS IN DEBAT, GOVERNOR SCRANTON EXPLAINED WHY US INTENDED TO VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION BEFORE THE GA (WHICH INTER ALIA ENDORSES RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF 20), BUT STRESSED US AGREEMENT THAT LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS AND INTERESTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS A CENTRAL ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED IN NEGOTIATION OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST (FULL TEXT IN SEPTTEL).
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